MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether any action has been taken for such unauthorised publication?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes, Sir. The District Magistrate of Kottayam was asked about the matter. He called for the explanation of the printer and the same was obtained and forwarded to Government. In the light of the explanation offered by the printer and the recommendation of the District Magistrate thereon, the matter was dropped. The Government passed orders accordingly.

Road from Veluthully to Thuravoor.

228. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation for opening a road from Veluthully to Thuravoor;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on such representation; and

(*c*) whether there is a sandy pathway used as a public way from Veluthully to Thuravoor?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) There is a village road by the side of the Ezhupunna *Kayal* to Manakodam-Karayalam *thodu*.

Kitchen in the Trivandrum Travellers' Bungalow.

229. *MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any kitchen is provided in the Trivandrum Travellers' Bungalow, for the convenience of passengers who make their own arrangements for their food?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: May I know whether in the opinion of the Government it will add to the convenience of the travellers and tourists to provide a kitchen for making their own arrangements for their food?

PRESIDENT: An experienced legislator like the honourable member knows that he should not ask for opinion.

Maintenance of a road starting from the 43rd mile of the Quilon-Alleppey road.

230. * **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Karoor, Ambalapuzha, praying for the metalling and maintenance of a road starting from 43rd mile at Quilon-Alleppey road and running east, to reach the Ambalapuzha temple at the south;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on it;

(*c*) whether the Chief Engineer had inspected the road;

(*d*) if not, why it was not inspected and necessary orders passed; and

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(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the people of the locality have raised the pathway up to the level of the adjacent compound at a cost of Rs. 2,500 and made a temporary bridge in the canal on the south of the temple?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter was investigated and an endorsement was given to the petitioners in September 1936 that if they come forward and complete the road according to the Ryots' Road Rules, the question of taking the road under departmental maintenance will be considered thereafter.

(*c*) and (*d*) No, but the Assistant Engineer, inspected the road and suggested measures for improving the road.

(*e*) The people of the locality have improved the road and there is a temporary bridge south of the temple. The cost incurred by the people is not known.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the Assistant Engineer has inspected the site?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know when was it inspected?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: In November 1936.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether it is possible to convert the trace into a Government trace?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes. provided the ryots undertake to abide by the conditions laid down in the Ryots Road Rules.

Shertala-Arukutty road.

231. ***MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP:** With regard to Shertala-Arukutty road will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total length of the road;

(*b*) the total amount spent for the construction;

(*c*) whether there are bridges and culverts yet to be constructed.

(*d*) if so, how many and what is the estimated cost for the construction of the same;

(*e*) whether the road is fit for vehicular traffic at present; and

(*f*) the annual allotment per mile for maintenance.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) 14 miles and 4 furlongs.

(*b*) Rs. 77,512-3-6.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 2 bridges, one at Poochackal and the other at Chenganda. The estimated cost of the former is Rs. 4,400 and it is practically completed and will be opened for traffic shortly. No estimate has been prepared for the latter.

(*e*) Yes, throughout.

(*f*) Rs. 200 per mile.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether there is anybody to check the maintenance allotment spent over the different roads?

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